

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 MONROV 01272 221653Z
ACTION AF-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 IO-13 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05
H-01 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 SP-02
SS-15 USIA-06 EB-08 COME-00 TRSE-00 AID-05 AGRE-00
/097 W
-----117793 230213Z /64

R 221625Z FEB 78
FM AMEMBASSY MONROVIA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8216
INFO AMEMBASSY BONN
AMEMBASSY BERLIN

CONFIDENTIAL MONROVIA 1272

E.O. 11652 GDS
TAGS: GE, PEPR, LI
SUBJECT: LIBERIAN RELATIONS WITH EAST GERMANY

1. THE GOL RADIO ANNOUNCED FEBRUARY 22 THE SIGNING IN EAST BERLIN FEBRUARY 21 BY GOL MINISTER OF COMMERCE WILLIAM DENNIS AND GDR FOREIGN MINISTER OSCAR FISCHER THE FIRST LONG TERM TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOL AND THE GDR. UNDER THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT, THE GDR WILL SUPPLY PORT EQUIPMENT, BUILDING MACHINES, ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY, TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, REFRIGERATION ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT AND EDUCATIONAL AND HEALTH SYSTEMS. THE

GOL WILL SUPPLY RAW COFFEE, COCOA BEANS AND OTHER PRODUCE. COMMERCE MINISTER DENNIS, WHO IS HEADING A GOL GOVERNMENTAL DELEGATION TO EAST BERLIN, IS QUOTED AS STATING THAT "LIBERIA WANTS TO HAVE CLOSER RELATIONS WITH EAST GERMANY IN THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL FIELDS".

2. IN OCTOBER 1973 THE GOL AND GDR ISSUED A
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 MONROV 01272 221653Z

COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCING THEIR INTENTION TOESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. THE FIRST GDR AMBASSADOR TO LIBERIA PRESENTED HIS LETTERS OF CREDENCE MAY 22, 1974. THE PRESENT AMBASSADOR, WERNER SCHEDLICH, IS RESIDENT IN GHANA.

BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL

3. COMMENT: THE AGREEMENT APPEARS TO BE
MERELY A LISTING OF PRODUCTS BOTH COUNTRIES HOPE CAN
BE EXCHANGED. IF SO, WITHOUT ANY FINANCIAL INDUCEMENT
OVER AND BEYOND REGULAR COMMERCIAL GAIN, TRADE BETWEEN
THE TWO COUNTRIES IS NOT EXPECTED TO DEVELOP BEYOND
THE CURRENT VERY LOW LEVEL. LIBERIA IMPORTED
\$69,578 AND \$88,852 OF EAST GERMAN GOODS IN 1975 AND 1976
RESPECTIVELY. IN BOTH YEARS THERE WERE NO LIBERIAN
EXPORTS TO EAST GERMANY. THUS, THE SIGNING OF THIS
AGREEMENT SEEMS TO BE INTENDED MORE FOR ITS POLITICAL
AND PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT THAN FOR ANY LITTLE MUTUAL
TRADE THAT MIGHT DEVELOP. END CONFIDENTIAL.

CARTER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptoning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: FOREIGN RELATIONS, TRADE AGREEMENTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 22 feb 1978
Decapton Date: 01 jan 1960
Decapton Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978MONROV01272
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780083-0178
Format: TEL
From: MONROVIA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780229/aaaaaxtb.tel
Line Count: 76
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: e4202bd2-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 25 apr 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3522957
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: LIBERIAN RELATIONS WITH EAST GERMANY
TAGS: PEPR, ETRD, GC, LI
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvgwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/e4202bd2-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014